

**Child Care and Development Fund**  
**FACT SHEET**  
*September, 2007*  
*Montana*

## **Caseload**

- 5,367 children were served this month in this program
- 3,241 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 12.9% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 22.3% of all families served

## **Children**

- 87.1% of children were served in licensed care
- 10.6% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 119 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 25.6% of all children served
- White children accounted for 78.0% of all children served

## **Families**

- 79.2% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.8% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 88.4% of families were headed by a single parent
- 10.8% of families listed TANF as a source of income

## **Expenditures**

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$326 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.3% of the cost and the program paid 90.7%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$376
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$210
- 83.5% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

## **Counties**

- The highest average cost of care was in Prairie County at \$559 per child
- Sanders County ranks first in relative care statewide with 62.5% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Roosevelt County, where 31.1% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF